Complaints of misbehaviour against Charge' D Affairs at Aden

1321. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint against our Charge D'Affairs at Aden about his indecent and curt behaviour towards Indian nationals who were affected by civil war in South Yemen;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) and (c) Complaints relate to difficulties in contacting Embassy officials and arranging immediate relief. The fact was that during the height of the fighting due to breakdown of all communications our officials were trapped in the Chancery and their families in their respective houses without electricity and water for over a week. Even so the CDA contacted the Ministry and arrangements were immediately made to facilitate repatriation of Indian Nationals on British and Soviet ships as well as arranging to redirect Indian ships.

Even during this crisis period, Embassy officials did offer help and assistance, including food and shelter to a number of Indian nationals who were able to reach the Chancery or residence of the Embassy officials between 13th and 27th January, 1986.

Plot to blow up Air India Plane

1322. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plot to blow up an Air India plane on flight from New York to Delhi was recently uncovered and arrest some extremists in this connection were made by the Canadian police;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the question of their extradition with the Canadian Government for their trial in the country and if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On May 30, 1986, Canadian authorities arrested five persons belonging to the "Babbar Khalsa" organisation, in connection with a plot to blow up an Air India aircraft flying out of New York on May 31, 1986. Charges against three of them were withdrawn by the prosecution on the grounds of insufficient evidence, the case against the other two is likely to come up for trial in September, 1986.

(c) All the accused in the case are Canadian citizens and are being prosecuted in Canada for violating their laws.

Construction of a 5-star hotel at Mud Island, Bombay

1323. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted permission to construct a 5 star hotel at Mud Island, Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Defence are not allowing any construction to come up at the above Island for security reasons; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Department of Tourism grants approval to hotel projects from the point of view of their suitability for tourists. In April, 1984 such approval was granted to a hotel project planned for the 5-star category at Mud Island, Bombay. The hotel has been completed and commissioned.

(b) and (c) The hotel was not subjected to any such restriction by the Ministry of Defence.

US-Pak agreement on the transfer of sensitive technology

1324 SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that Pakistan is entering into a secret agreement with the United States for the transfer of sensitive technology that can be used for further ance of Pakistan's nuclear development programme; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all such developments having a bearing on Country's security.

US helps to Pakistan

1325. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item that appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of 14th July, 1986 captioned "US assured Pak to help fight '71 war"; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have also seen the documents seized from the US Embassy in Tehran and published by the Iranian students in which there is mention of such an assurance being conveyed to Pakistan.

(b) Government continue to monitor all such information and maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Violation of labour laws by management of Appu Ghar

1326. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been gross violation of labour and other laws by the management of Appu Ghar and that notices for termination of services of many employees of the Appu Ghar have been served illegally; if so, the number of those to whom notices have been served so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that employees are being forced to work on holidays without being paid anything in lieu thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no medical facilities are given to the staff; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up a committee to inquire into the functioning of the 'APPU GHAR' and to ensure that labour laws are not violated and services of employees not terminated illegally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) the Delhi Administration has reported that four separate Industrial disputes were received alleging wrongful termination of services of four workers.

(b) and (c) No such complaint is reported to have been received by Labour Commissioner.

(d) No, Sir.

India's role to stop Iran-Iraq war

1327. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in finding a solution to the Iran-Iraq war is a challenging factor for the existence of NAM; and